

SIERRA FOOTHILL COMMUNITY PARK PROPOSAL FACT SHEET

Since February of this year, several community members have been working on a park proposal for our foothill community.

On June 25, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors considered and approved a recommendation from the Fresno County Parks Department to appropriate \$1.5 million from the Roberti-Z'berg Proposition 12 and Proposition 40 Matching Grant Program for a Sierra Foothill Community Park.

The Park will be located on approximately 15 acres of land on the "pan handle" of the Foothill Middle School. The land will be donated by the Sierra Unified School District to Fresno County for the park. There are existing improvements such as the entry road, lighting, and water and sewer that reduce significantly the construction costs. The park will feature a baseball diamond with bleachers, tennis courts, and basketball courts, children's play area, picnic area, a concession building and two exterior restroom facilities, and a 5,000 sq. ft. community center. The community center will be an ideal place to hold wedding receptions, family reunions, and community meetings. During many community meetings, participants have requested that the park include a skateboard area and an out door performing arts area. As the final park plans are developed these requests will be included and the community will be asked to participate in finalizing the park plan.

Even though there are construction dollars allocated for the Park, funds are needed for the operation, routine maintenance and long-term capital improvements. We have a budget estimate of \$149,000 annually to cover these expenses.

We propose to form a County Service Area (CSA) to include all of the parcels depicted on the map on the reverse side of this sheet. We estimate that each parcel would be assessed about \$30.00 annually. These funds will be used only for the Sierra Foothill Community Park and a local over-site committee will develop the annual budget.

A complete information packet and a large map of the proposed service area can be viewed at the Auberry Library or on-line at www.bobwaterston.org. If you have questions regarding the park proposal you may call Barbara Ferguson at 855-2125 or Kirby Molen at 855-2215.

Please complete the enclosed GREEN survey response card, affix a postage stamp and mail within two weeks of receipt.

